

SENATE RESOLUTION 227

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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Bonnie Howard for  
laudable service to those in need and to  
congratulate her upon her receipt of the  
Solomon Award.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens who through their extraordinary efforts have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud and who have worked for the betterment of those around them; and

WHEREAS, Bonnie Howard is one such individual, giving generously of her time and energy to many charitable organizations and working tirelessly to improve the lives of the children and senior citizens in her community and abroad; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Howard has been justifiably recognized by the Lenoir City-Tellico Village Rotary Club for her many munificent and laudable charitable undertakings and honored with the Solomon Award; and

WHEREAS, working for the glory of God, Ms. Howard has traveled to all corners of the earth to provide assistance to those in financial or spiritual need; and

WHEREAS, as a mission coordinator for the United Methodist Church from 1993 until 1995, Ms. Howard traveled to Chi Chi Castenago, Guatemala, to care for the children of the city, offering them solace, comfort, and strength and providing them with the necessities of life in the aftermath of a hurricane; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Howard traveled to Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania in 1999 as part of an all-woman mission team with the United Methodist Church, and visited Costa Rica in 2001 in an effort to bring relief and comfort to those in need; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Howard served with Americorps from 1992 through 1997 with the Loudon Housing Authority, working to alleviate the housing problems of those less fortunate individuals in her community; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Howard also served for four years on the board of the Good Samaritan Center; and

WHEREAS, currently serving as chairperson of the Loudon County Council on Aging and the East Tennessee Area Council on Aging, which covers fifteen Tennessee counties, Ms. Howard is well-known for her tireless efforts to secure better living situations for the senior citizens in her community and throughout East Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, appointed to the East Tennessee Human Resource Agency Policy Committee by Loudon County Executive George Miller last November, Ms. Howard has also been appointed to the Tennessee Commission on Aging and Disabilities by Governor Sundquist and will serve as Chair of the Commission beginning in August 2002; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Howard, as member of these honorable institutions, seeks to provide funding for the care of the elderly and infirm citizens of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Howard epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean by toiling in an altruistic effort to help her fellow citizens and to serve God; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud Ms. Howard for her dedication to the state of Tennessee and its citizens; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That we hereby honor and commend Bonnie Howard for her meritorious service to the state of Tennessee, congratulate her upon her much-deserved receipt of the Solomon Award, and extend to her our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.